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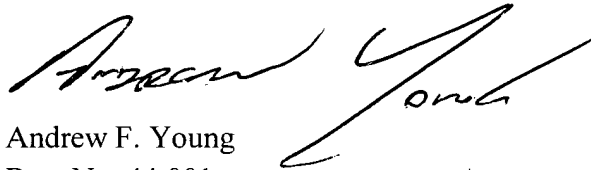
Claim 1 is canceled, without prejudice.

New claims 8-27 are added to correspond roughly to the multiple dependent claims canceled without prejudice in the first preliminary amendment and to the corresponding multiple embodiments within the disclosure presented in the substitute specification.

No new matter is added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4550.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attached: **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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